

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 25, 2005, wherein the Examiner rejected the claims 1-13 and 16-20, but indicated that claims 14 and 15 would be allowable if re-written in appropriate independent form. This indication of allowable subject-matter is noted with appreciation. Reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments made herein and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate all of the limitations of allowed dependent claim 14. Accordingly, claim 1, as amended, and all claims which depend therefrom, are directed to allowable subject-matter.

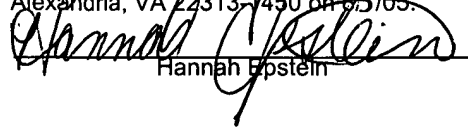
In addition, claim 7 has been amended to independent form in order to incorporate all of the limitations of allowed dependent claim 15. Accordingly, claim 7, and all claims dependent thereon, are now directed to allowable subject matter.

Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-13, and 20-23, all claims now remaining in the application, are directed to allowable subject matter. Therefore, a formal Notice of Allowance should be issued by the Patent Office Examiner.

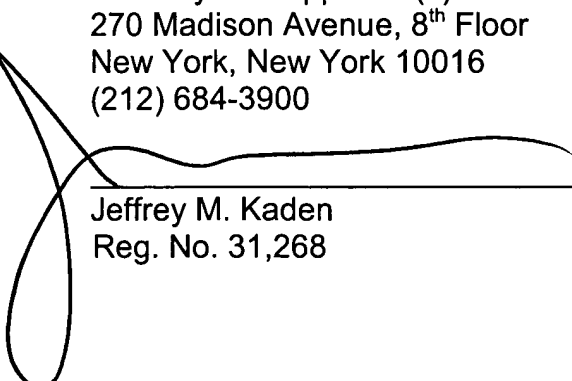
Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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